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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
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I am exploring your suggestion to put increased emphasis on determining further details of Soviet tactical doctrine for lower fighting echelons, both armor and infantry. Apropos of this, I plan to visit Bill DePuy shortly after the first of the year to get his views and requirements. I will keep you informed of major developments as they occur.

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Warm regards.

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/s/ Samuel V. Wilson

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